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TAGS: ETRN, GW

SUBJ: CIVAIR: CHARTER UNDERSTANDING

REF: A. STATE 56347; B. BONN 4567

1. SUMMARY: THE FRG REDRAFT LETTER APPEARS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT U. S. VIEWS EXPRESSED IN REFTEL A. MOREOVER, THE FRG NEGOTIATOR HAS INDICATED THAT HE HAS NO FURTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. WE CONCLUDE, THEREFORE, THAT THE FRG HAS DECIDED TO ACCEPT U. S. POSITION ON COMMINGLING OUTLINED IN REFTEL A. ACTION REQUESTED: THE DEPT' S COMMENTS ON THE FRG DRAFT LETTER AND EMBASSY RESPONSE AND ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CONCLUSION OF THE MOU. END SUMMARY.
2. THE EMBASSY RECEIVED THE REDRAFT OF THE FRG' S LETTER ON APRIL
3. A COMPLET TEXT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: I WOULD LIKE TO REFER TO THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH WERE HELD BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND OF MY DEPARTMENT ON QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF ADVANCE BOOKING CHARTER FLIGHTS (ABC/ TGC). THE RESULTS OF THESE DISCUSSIONS ARE LAID DOWN IN THE ATTACHED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH BOTH SIDES HAVE AGREED UPON FOR AN INTERIM PERIOD UNTIL MARCH 31, 1974. FOR THE GERMAN SIDE I WISH TO CONVEY TO YOU OFFICIALLY MY CONSENT TO THE MEMORANDUM.

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QUOTE: MAY I REPEAT THE STATEMENTS WHICH WERE MADE BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF MY DEPARTMENT DURING THOSE WORKING TOWARDS DETENT, REAL DISARMAMENT, AND PEACE; (D) ASSISTING THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH HISTORIC LINKS TO FRANCE; (E) CONTINUING EFFORTS TO GIVE FRANCE THE INDISPENSABLE ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL, TECHNICAL AND CULTURAL MEANS TO PLAY ITS ROLE IN EUROPE AND THE WORLD.

3. PRESIDENT ADDED THAT THE GRANDEUR OF FRANCE " WHICH WE IN NO WAY RENOUNCE" MUST NOT OVERSHADOW SOCIAL ASPIRATIONS OF FRENCH PEOPLE.

IT CALLED FOR MEASURES WHICH WOULD RESULT IN MORE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF FRUITS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH, AND WHICH WOULD PARTICULARLY

FAVOR THE LEAST ADVANTAGED MEMBERS OF SOCIETY, I. E., LOW- PAID WORKERS, LARGE FAMILIES, HANDICAPPED PERSONS, THE AGED, ETC. PRESIDENT RECOGNIZED IN HIS MESSAGE THAT ECONOMIC EXPANSION CAN AT THE SAME TIME RAISE THE GENERAL STANDARD OF LIVING AND ACCENTUATE " SHOCKING INEQUALITIES."

4. HE NOTED THAT FRANCE HAD AN ECONOMIC SYSTEM " MID- WAY BETWEEN SOCIALISM AND PURE CAPITALISM." SYSTEM REPRESENTS AN ORIGINAL, FRENCH SOLUTION TO SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION. PRESIDENT CALLED FOR A SIMILAR ORIGINAL FRENCH SOLUTION TO NEW PROBLEMS PRESENTED BY A FULLY INDUSTRIALIZED SOCIETY; PROBLEMS WHICH TOUCH ON WORKING CONDITIONS, FOR EXAMPLE MONOTONY OF THE PRODUCTION LINE, THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE. HE CALLED ON THE ASSEMBLY TO COUNTER- BALANCE A TECHNOCRACY WHICH THE COMPLEXITY OF MODERN PROBLEMS TENDS TO MAKE ALL POWERFUL.

5. MESSAGE CALLED FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN PARLIAMENT AND EXECUTIVE TO PREPARE LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD REDUCE LENGTH OF PRESIDENTIAL TERM FROM SEVEN YEARS TO AN UNSPECIFIED SHORTER PERIOD OF TIME. THIS CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM, PRESIDENT MADE CLEAR, WOULD NOT APPLY TO POMPIDOU' S OWN TERM. NOR WOULD IT ENTAIL HOLDING LEGISLATIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS AT THE SAME TIME. PRESIDENT SAID DETAILS OF REFORM SHOULD BE WORKED OUT BY EXECUTIVE, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND SENATE, IN PROCESS HE SAID NO EXTRANEIOUS AMENDMENTS RE PRESIDENTIAL POWERS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED, OTHERWISE REFORM COULD BE MADE BY OTHER MEANS (A CLEAR ALLUSION TO POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING A REFERENDUM ON THE ISSUE IF THE ASSEMBLY

OR SENATE TRIED TO RESTRICT PRESIDENTIAL POWERS IN DRAFTING
AMENDMENT TO SHORTEN PRESIDENTIAL TERM.)

6. FULL TEXT POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT.
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